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Casting About

Lana Turner has gone from swimmers to riches — she was married in a flower-drenched room — with champagne — and lobsters from New England — Johnny Meyer, finally escaped Senator Brewster, and got to the scene — Howard Hughes saw to it that Meyer or didn't pay the expense account — the wedding took place behind a rose covered trellis — the vicar played "I Love You Truly" — Bob Hope sang "Thanks for the Memory" — George Jessel called his mother — his mother called him — the bridegroom just made it — he got his freedom from his brother's (former) wife — just in time — Miss Turner almost choked on the words — from emotion — it said — so in the papers — Mr. Topping said them confidently — he should — it's the fourth time he's said them — Miss Turner has also said them four times — twice with the same man and once with a different player — that's not quite the same — Miss Turner's daughter by her previous marriage was a nervous flower girl — give her a chance — she'll learn as time goes on — Tyroese Power, shattered by all this, was in Mexico looking for a Justice of the Peace — Mr. Shaw, once married to Miss Turner — later married to Mickey Rooney's ex-wife — now being divorced by his present wife — was out — he knew her when — the man who found Lana leaning over a chocolate malted was there — it was

his house — but he couldn't get the door open — almost — he thought keyholes were for looking — not for keys — the bridegroom is a tin-plate heir — now Lana is a tin-plate heiress — the wedding party consisted of a lawyer — a business manager — a mother — an A. P. man — and a wedding staircase — it was the biggest thing in Hollywood since "Madman" Muntz went into business — or since Rin-Tin-Tin had pups — The reception was held on the veranda with some well-wishers and a turkey — a Democratic ham was down in from the South — the eight times married couple left town — they plan to reappear in New York — all in one breath — Mrs. Topping is wearing fingerless for the honeymoon — they will go to London — Mr. Topping is to introduce Midget auto racing to Old Blighty — and Old Blighty to Lana — and vice versa — the guests — or rather — the festive board was loaded — at the wedding — they plan to return soon — Miss Turner will return to the films — or to Reno — as the wedding ended the Joe's Hungarian Three Flavored Viola Quartet swung into — or fell into — a swing version of "Old Man River" — or rather — "I Love You" — from the book by the same name — next week — "East Lynne" — or "Who Threw The Overalls Into Mother Kelly's Chowder," "I Love You."

Quills Spear "Ajax" Miss "Powerhouse" Pete

Somewhere in the woods of Northfield there lurks a bad porcupine — minus some of his quills. While strolling through the woods one night, in company with "Powerhouse Pete," "Ajax" paused to investigate what turned out to be a porcupine. He didn't pause long — and it wasn't the pause that refreshes either. When his painful condition was discovered, Mott and Jessie Guba, the owners of "Ajax," a Great Dane, had to rush him to a veterinarian in the early morning hours. A large number of quills were removed from around his face and mouth — and "Ajax" should be well on the road to recovery. "Powerhouse Pete," a buff colored cocker spaniel and a prize winner in the puppy class of several shows, escaped unscathed, but no doubt was initiated into the mysteries of the porcupine. It is no mystery to "Ajax" however.

Committee To Study Bernardston Request

The Northfield School Committee held its regular monthly meeting at the Superintendent's office in the Center School on Saturday, April 24, at 10 a. m. Superintendent Taylor presented the Columbia National Accident Medical Expense Plan for School Children. The Committee voted to take no action at this time. Superintendent Taylor presented an inquiry from the Bernardston School Committee, asking if Northfield could accept their fifty high school students if it was decided to send them out of town. The Northfield committee voted to take no definite action on this request, since the present housing of the high school is now organized is insufficient to take the proposed number of pupils. However, many favorable features of such a plan were noted, and the Committee would want to make a detailed study if a definite proposal were made by the Bernardston Committee.

P.T.A. Banquet

Reservations for the Parent-Teacher Association banquet must be in by May 1. Mrs. Marion Billings has announced. The banquet will be at the Town Hall on May 10, at 7 p. m. The dinner will be followed by a business meeting and movies of local scenes. Mrs. Billings can be contacted by phoning 305.

54th Annual Sacred Concert To Be Broadcast Coast-To-Coast Over A. B. C.

The complete network facilities of the American Broadcasting Company will carry the opening half-hour of the 54th Annual Sacred Concert of the Northfield School Sunday, May 5, at 3:30 p. m. With station W J Z of New York as its key station, the 250-station network covers the entire country including the West Coast and also maintains outlets in Canada, Bermuda and Hawaii. Station WHAI of Greenfield, although not a member of the chain, will carry the program.

The Sacred Concert is probably Northfield's most popular annual event. The Auditorium in which it is held no longer accommodates the many parents, alumni, and friends who wish to attend and admission is by ticket. However, in good weather, hundreds of listeners enjoy the concert from the lawn and the broadcast will enable any one, near or far, to hear this traditional service.

The program of the broadcast is as follows: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Holden; Bless the Lord, Ippolitto-Ivanoff; Gloria Patri, Palestrina; Non Nobis, Domine, Byrd; Spirit of God, Atkinson; Te Deum, West; With a Voice of Slinging, Shaw; Fight the Good Fight, Parker; As Torrents in Summer, Edgar; Praise to the Lord, Christiansen; and the Northfield Benediction, Meyer.

The concert will be directed by Albert R. Raymond, choral director of the Northfield Schools, and the accompanists will be Miss Marian Keller, head of the Music department, Northfield School for

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wishes to announce that, beginning May 2, 1940, office hours will be by appointment only. Appointments may be made for the hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. No appointments will be made for Sunday, Wednesday or Saturday.

Mt. Holyoke Railway Badly Damaged by Snow

The Comm. Car Railway on Mt. Holyoke built in 1884 was so badly damaged by this winter's record snow fall that it is estimated that \$20,000 will be needed to repair the damage. The railway which is covered, is the only one of its kind in the world and has carried over two million passengers in the past twenty years. The Pioneer Valley Association and its 2,000 business members are behind a move to have the necessary funds made available for the repair of the railway, through an appropriation from the state.

A Dollar A Ballot Presidential Primary

The 10 Democrats and 116 Republicans who cast their ballots in the local presidential primaries, last Tuesday represented 10% of the total registered voters in Northfield.

There are about 500 registered Republicans and 46 registered Democrats out of a total registration of 1154. This means that more than 500 of the registered voters are independent.

This election cost the town more than \$125.00, so that each vote cast averaged one dollar. The vote for this week was slightly higher than it has been in previous presidential primaries, but the cut and dry Republican slate, and the confusing Democratic slate contributed to the lack of interest.

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Taylor at Conference

Superintendent Robert N. Taylor of Union No. 22, comprising the Towns of Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Warwick and Leyden, attended the thirty-third annual conference of the Superintendents of Schools of Massachusetts at Bridgewater from April 20 to 22. This meeting, dealing mostly with the developments in elementary and secondary education, was under the auspices of the State Department of Education. The highlight of the program was an inspiring talk by John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, on the subject of "Zest for American Democracy."

Superintendent Taylor is a member of the Superintendent's Quarter, which had a part in the program Tuesday evening.

Frank McRoberts Dies

Franklin C. McRoberts of Kings Point, Great Neck, N. Y., died after a brief illness on Monday, April 19. He was the son of the late William J. and Catherine McRoberts of Brooklyn, N. Y., who were summer residents here at their estate in Mountain Park and where as a boy he spent much of his time during each summer season. He was active in the business of his father and served as Treasurer of several corporations. He is well known here by many friends. The funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 21 from his late home and interment was in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. He is survived by his wife, the former Sara Hendrickson and one son, Franklin C. McRoberts. Also two brothers, Carl G. McRoberts and James C. McRoberts of New York, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin of Longmeadow.

New Citizens

CASEY — at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, on Monday, April 19, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Casey.

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Local Women Attend G. O. P. Lunch Session

Over a hundred women from various parts of the county attended the annual spring luncheon meeting at the Massillon House in Greenfield last Saturday. Those from Northfield included Mrs. Robert Abbott, chairman of the committee for local members; was voted as vice-president of the County organization; Mrs. Allen H. Wright, director for the local area; Mrs. Frank Montague; Mrs. W. B. Wells; Mrs. Ross L. Spencer; Mrs. Dana Lewis; Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster; Miss Natalie Briesmaster; Mrs. Eva Fox; Mrs. John Hurley; Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr.; William F. Hoehn, local town committee chairman and Robert P. Barnes of the new voters' committee.

The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Cecil Harden from Indiana, of the National Committee; Mrs. Charles P. Howard, national committee woman from Massachusetts and Lloyd D. Waring, chairman of the State G. O. P. committee. All brought a timely message and urged a co-operative enthusiasm in the days ahead.

Boy Scout News

The Coyote patrol of Troop 9, Northfield Boy Scouts, spent this past week-end at the Boy Scout cabin in Winchester. Norton Field and Edgar Livingston were the leaders in charge.

The patrol of seven scouts, with Scoutmaster Norton Field, left East Northfield at one p. m. Saturday and hiked four miles to the cabin. Each scout carried his pack with the essentials for an overnight stay.

This hike and overnight helped the scouts to pass off a number of second class requirements including: good hiking form and road safety; use of knife and hatchet; fire building and cooking.

The following scouts took part in the hike: William Barnes, David Mroczek, George Sheldon, Robert Whitney, Richard Whitney, Donald Stebbins and Daniel Morgan.

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Unitarian Parish Annual meeting at the church, 8 p. m.
- May 3
Boy Scouts meet.
Garden Club meeting.
- May 4
Franklin County annual home-makers' meeting at Camp Hall, Mr. Hermon.
- May 5
Ladies' Benevolent Society annual meeting at the Farms Library.
- May 7
Fortnightly annual meeting.
Community Club No. 4 Dance.
- May 10
P.T.A. Banquet and elections at the Town Hall.
- May 11
Northfield Grange Open meeting. Public invited.
- May 13
Unitarian Alliance musical program.
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For Better Citizens

Though its progress will be watched most closely by educators, the project in civil education beginning here next Fall deserves to be more widely understood. A corporation set up by public-spirited citizens will support a three-year study, to be directed by former Dean Holmes of Harvard and Prof. John J. Mahoney of Boston University, of all the materials and methods which may be utilized to establish a complete school program preparing youth for citizenship in a democracy. When the task is done and the results published in a series of handbooks, there will be available to teachers for the first time the outline of a comprehensive course in citizenship, to begin in the lowest grades and continue through high school. It is the hope of the directors of the project that their work will help to make civic education, as a movement, as widely recognized and well organized as, say, health and vocational education are now. They scored their first notable victory this week, when United States Commissioner of Education John W. Studebaker, here for a luncheon meeting, heard their plans and promised to carry to other meetings elsewhere the news of this significant venture.

Ingram - Worcester

On Saturday afternoon, April 24, in the family home in Newark, New Jersey, the Rev. Wesley H. DesJardins officiated at the marriage of his daughter, Louise DesJardins, Worcester, to Mr. James Henry Ingram of Niagara Falls, New York. The bride was formerly the wife of Mr. Paul Harmon Worcester, who was killed in action in Germany in 1944. She has a five year old son, Michael Merritt Worcester.

Mr. Ingram, son of the late Mr. Frank Ingram, and Mrs. Grace Ingram of Niagara Falls, is employed by the Carborundum Company there.

The attendants were Mrs. Arthur Leithausen of Natick, and Mr. Jean Ingram, brother of the groom. After the reception, the couple left for a short stay in Pennsylvania. They will live in Niagara Falls.

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Miss Mabel Darrach, executive secretary of the Alumnae Association of the Northfield School for Girls, has announced the results of the annual election of officers of the association. Miss Barbara M. Clough, dean of George School, George School, Pa., was nominated to serve as alumnae trustee for three years. Vice-president to serve three years is Miss Elizabeth N. Corning of New York City who is case supervisor of the Children's Court Division of the Domestic Relations Court. Mrs. Lyman C. Morrill of West Newton, Mass., was elected to be treasurer for two years and Miss Eleanor C. Fuller who is with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., in Springfield is to serve for two years as director of alumnae day.

The Spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools will be held at 9:30 Saturday morning in Kenard Hall. The members of the board will be entertained at a dinner at the Northfield Hotel Friday evening. Guest speaker at the chapel service in Russell Sage Sunday will be Rev. William R. Usher of the Congregational Church in Holden, Mass., at 11 o'clock, and the service in Memorial Chapel will be at 10:30 o'clock with Dr. Albert C. Fulton of New Rochelle, N. Y., as guest speaker.

The Franklin County-Hermon Club held its annual meeting Tuesday, April 26, at Mt. Hermon School. Mr. Axel Forslund, a member of the Mt. Hermon faculty, was the principal speaker and motion pictures of Mt. Hermon were shown. Mr. Herbert D. Farmer of the Forestry department of the University of Massachusetts is president of the club and Mr. George Laurence of Mt. Hermon School is secretary. Mr. Lester P. White, alumni secretary of Mt. Hermon School, has received notice of his commission as a major in the Officers Reserve Corps of the Army. Mr. Gaylord Douglas has returned to Northfield after having completed a visit to the West Coast where he visited the Hermon Clubs in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Benevolent Society

The Ladies' Benevolent Society banquet will be held at the Library in Northfield, Mass. on May 5. Following the banquet will be annual elections of officers and plans will be made for future activities.

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In camp, after camp, Kuroki met with disdain and outright contempt. Always there seemed to be someone to sing out, loud enough for him to hear, "Hey, look at the Chink up there - or is it a Jap?" Willing, even anxious, to give everything he had, his life, if need be, to prove his great love for America, Ben Kuroki took part in twenty-five bomber missions over Europe, in the role of tail-gunner. After this he was eligible to return home. Instead, he asked to be allowed to fly five more. The sergeant looked at him as if he were crazy. "Five more? - You oughta have your head examined, Kuroki. You got twenty-five - go

home and live out the rest of your life." Ben smiled, "I'm sorry, sir, but I've made up my mind. I want to fly that extra five." He wrote home that he was doing the extra five for all his brothers who weren't able to make it overseas. Deep inside himself he knew he was doing it for a lot of other reasons, too. For all the Sons and Daughters of the Golden West who wanted to ship all Nisei to a swamp somewhere, for all his Nisei friends who were uprooted from their homes, scattered in relocation camps, but most of all for himself. He wanted to prove himself just a little more - Well, what was he fighting for? - For him, it added up to something simple - democracy without discrimination.

After finishing his stint in the E. T. O., where at last he had earned the respect of his battle companions, Kuroki volunteered for Pacific duty. He completed in all, fifty-eight missions. His heroism finally recognized officially, Ben came home and found himself overwhelmed with honors. I quote from the book jacket, "They put Ben on the same platform as General Marshall at the Herald Tribune Forum because he had a story to tell - not just another war story, but the story of an American with yellow skin who fought and still is fighting an enemy that is ever present and far more dangerous than we now realize."

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B. H. B.

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The crowded houses need much food. Major Pynchon in charge of the valley forces and the leader in the trade in furs with Indians, and consequently an extensive real estate dealer, because he owned considerable of the wheat now ripe in Deerfield, planned a military escort to bring the grain to Hadley. (The amount of fur, chiefly beaver, that Pynchon of Springfield shipped to England prior to this war was very large. The Indians had thus decreased the game available for food.) The Deerfield ex-carts pressed into carrying the harvest, the local men, and their soldiers, called the "Howers of Essex" county of Massachusetts were surprised by a large ambush of Indians and so badly defeated that to this day the site is marked Bloody Brook in South Deerfield. A wig placed on a bush had surprised the Indians. Picking of wild grapes while neglecting to be on their guard had cost them dearly, the English. Huge was the grave made by the English soon after. Deerfield now had to be abandoned. Springfield was attacked, so much burned that was essential that they were in difficult straits. Hatfield was also attacked about the same time.

With winter coming on, the Indians in large numbers, including their families were living in Northfield, Vernon and Deerfield. Many of the soldiers returned home, thinking winter no time for the enemy to come, leaving the English alarmed as to their future come the spring of 1676. Of course many of the Indians from adjoining tribes spent the winter back home.

The year 1675 when King Philip's War started to the east and threatened the Massachusetts communities in the Connecticut valley, had ended with most of the places being attacked. Some had

suffered more than others. The first settlers of Deerfield and of Northfield had to abandon their new homes. Brookfield, Springfield and part of Northampton outside the palisade had lost many of their buildings by fire. The valley military leader, Major John Pynchon of Springfield was so discouraged that his resignation was accepted and another put in his place. Personally he had lost heavily in the Indian attacks.

The winter when a spell of quiet from strife was anticipated was only relatively so, for during it, the English surprised the Narragansetts and defeated them. Meanwhile, King Philip, in his effort to clear the English out, had plans to acquire both ammunition and alliance with tribes to the west and in Canada. The latter efforts were not successful, fortunately.

By late winter six towns in eastern Massachusetts suffered attacks. Lancaster was destroyed. Their minister's wife, Mrs. Rowlandson, was one of the fifty captives. Since she was brought with the Indians to what is now Northfield and she also kept a diary, which has been published, evidence has been preserved. She met other captives from other localities and knew about the Indian numbers, customs and some of their plans. Both the Indian camps, near Northfield and the crowded frontier towns of Hadley and Hatfield, were so destitute for food that the Indians, at least, planned to take advantage of the spring fishing at what soon became known as Turners Falls and to defeat the whites and plant corn at Northfield (which used to include Vernon) and Deerfield. To secure seed corn they tried to get some from the Narragansetts.

(To be continued.)

THIS WAYWARD COIL

(The following are excerpts from the works of Eugene Field, American Humorist)

MENTAL ARITHMETIC

How many Birds are there in Seven soft-boiled Eggs? If you have Five Cucumbers and eat Three, what will you have left? Two? No, you are Wrong. You will have more than that. You will have Colic enough to Double you up in a Bow Knot for Six hours. You may go to the Foot of the Class.

THE OYSTER

Here we have on oyster. It is going to a Church Fair. When it Gets to the Fair, it will Swim around in a big Kettle of Warm Water. A Lady will Stir it with a Spoon, and Sell the Warm Water for Forty Cents a Pint. Then the Oyster will move on to the next Fair. In this Way, the Oyster will visit all the Church Fairs in Town, and bring a great many Dollars into the Church Treasury. The Oyster goes a great way in a Good Cause.

GENEROUS RICHARD

This is good Little Richard. His Momma has Taught him to be Generous. See, he has the Measles, and he is going over to Give them

to his Neighbors. Is he not a Nice Boy? When you get the Measles, you must give them to all the Little Boys and Girls you can. If you Do, maybe your Momma will give you Something. I guess she will Give you a Licking.

THE DELICATE GIRL

The Girl is Scratching her Back against the Door. She has been eating Buckwheat Cakes. Her Best thinks she is Delicate, but he has Never seen her Tackle a Plate of Hot Cakes on a Frosty Morning. Cakes had better Root High when she is around. If we were the Girl we should wear Band-Paper lining in the Dress, and not be Making a Hair-Brush out of the Poor Door.

IN THE GLOAMING

Mabel is sitting at the Piano, and she is Singing a Song. The Song Says he is Waiting for Her in the Gloaming. Mabel appears to be giving herself Dead Away. He is Not Waiting for her in the Gloaming at all. He has just Drawn a bottle of Flush, and he is wondering whether he had Better Pull out or stand in on a Bluff.

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Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister

9:00 a. m. Junior Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.
11:00 a. m. Public Worship, Baptisms, Receiving of new members, and the observance of Holy Communion. Nursery for pre-school age children.
4:30 p. m. Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship meet at the church to attend Franklin County Rally at the First Congregational Church, Greenfield. Neil Sutherland in charge of transportation.
Monday, 8:00 p. m. Postponed meeting of Church School teachers and officers at the home of the superintendent, Mrs. James Gillespie.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Hazel Rogers Greder, Minister.

10:00 a. m. Church School. Mrs. Carroll Miller, sup't. Classes for all ages.
11:00 a. m. Church Service and Sermon. Anthem-Choir. Children's Sermon, "The Wasteful Prince." Adult Sermon, "The Potter's Wheel."
8:00 p. m. The Annual meeting of the First Congregational (Unitarian) Parish will be held at 8 o'clock, Sunday evening. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend. At the close of the meeting, refreshments will be served. The A. U. Y. group will attend this meeting in place of their regular meeting.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor

The Quarterly Meeting will be held this week-end with the district superintendent, Rev. H. J. Gabriel of Brooklyn, N. Y., in charge.

Services are as follows: 10:30, Morning Worship, with sermon by the Superintendent, followed by the Lord's Supper. Sunday school at 11:30.

Young People's meeting at 6 p. m. At 7 o'clock there will be an evangelistic service with preaching by Rev. Herbert J. Gabriel.

The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

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South Vernon, Vt.
Rev. Edwin W. Blackstone
Services every Sunday, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 11:45 a. m. Loyal Workers, 6:30 p. m. Praise Service, 7:30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursdays at the Vernon home, 7:45 p. m.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor
Masses: First Sunday of month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

Town Topics

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins of Newark informs friends here that Mrs. Desjardins, who was very ill last summer after her stay at their cottage on the Ridge is now much improved in health and they hope to get to Northfield about the middle of June.

The new home of the Misses Shields of Princeton, N. J., is rapidly taking shape on their lot on Highland avenue. Leavis and Bolton have the contract. The home will be ready for occupancy this summer.

Camp Takoda at Richmond, N.H. will be open for the season for two hundred boys and girls already registered for the summer season. Sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. with the secretary of the Keene association as director. On the staff will be Miss Elsie Croninshield and Miss Bertha MacKey of the Northfield School for Girls as dietitians.

Mrs. H. S. Weeks who resides at the Vernon Home recently fell

and fractured her hip and has been removed to the Brattleboro hospital for treatment.

The County association of University Women met with Miss Adelaide Hood at her home on the Bernardston road in Greenfield Wednesday evening and was addressed by Miss Mira E. Wilson of the Northfield School for Girls. The Club has many members from Northfield and Mount Hermon. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newton, Mrs. Clarence Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney and son, Richard, have returned from Troy where they attended the wedding of Mr. Newton's nephew, Robert L. Newton to Miss Barbara Sleight at

the Methodist Church there last week end.

Elsie Briesmaster, student nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in New York, visited with her family last week end.

Rev. John S. Marsh of Auburn, a former missionary to East Africa, and who was a summer resident with his family in Mountain Park here last summer will be the speaker at the meeting of the Windham Union of Congregational Churches in Saxtons River, Vermont, Friday evening, April 30. Attending the spring meeting of the Franklin County Federation of Church Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs at South Deerfield Congregational Church on April 26, were

Harry Erickson, Louis N. Potts, Peter Shih, Dr. George A. Bronson, Grove W. Deming, Daniel Bodley, Fred Holton and Harold Briesmaster.

Legion Aids P-T. A.

As its contribution to the Basketball equipment drive of the Northfield P-T. A., the Haven H. Spencer Post has turned over a check of \$50.00 to the committee to help defray expenses in installing the necessary equipment in the Town Hall.

BUY U. S. WAR BONDS

SPORTS NEWS

Northfield High School
Baseball Schedule
1948

(All games begin at 3:30 p.m.)
Wed. April 28 Arms Academy (Shelburne Falls) Home.
*Thurs. April 29 Powers Institute (Bernardston) Home.
Tues. May 4 Open Date.
*Thurs. May 6 At Hinsdale, N.H.
Wed. May 12 Mount Hermon J.V. Home.
*Thurs. May 13 Thayer High (Winchester, N. H.) Home.
Tues. May 18 New Salem Academy Home.
*Thurs. May 20 At Powers Institute.
Wed. May 26 At Mount Hermon.
*Thurs. May 27 Hinsdale Home.
*Wed. June 2 At Thayer High.
Fri. June 4 Sanderson Academy (Ashfield) Home.
Tues. June 8 At New Salem.
Thurs. June 10 At Ashfield.
*Border League Games.

Border League
Spring Schedule 1948

SOFTBALL
April 27 Northfield at Powers.
Thayer at Hinsdale.
May 4 Hinsdale at Northfield.
Powers at Thayer.
May 11 Northfield at Thayer.
Hinsdale at Powers.
May 18 Powers at Northfield.
Hinsdale at Thayer.
May 31 Northfield at Greenfield.
May 25 Northfield at Hinsdale.
Thayer at Powers.
June 1 Thayer at Northfield.
Powers at Hinsdale.
June 3 Greenfield at Northfield.
Games at 3:30.
Home team is to call off games if necessary by 1:30.

N.H.S. Girls Win 33-16

Northfield High School Girls softball team defeated Powers Institute of Bernardston on April 27, 1948, by a score of 33 to 16.

BOXSCORE

	A	B	H	R	P	O	A	E
I. Whitney	7	3	3	0	1	0		
J. Ladinski	7	1	4	1	0	1		
D. Doolittle	7	6	5	2	2	1		
J. Randall	7	5	4	8	0	2		
E. Carter	7	4	3	4	0	0		
M. Randall	4	1	1	2	1	1		
R. Holton	6	3	5	1	4	1		
J. Mankowsky	6	2	2	0	0	0		
V. Allen	6	5	3	2	0	1		
M. A. Worniak	1	0	0	1	0	0		
B. Bolton	4	1	3	0	0	0		

HR - Carter 2, BH - Holton
Doolittle, Carter, Whitney, M. Randall. Subs: J. Shwa, R. Melo, S. Miller, B. Fortier.

Meyers Leaves

Mount Hermon

Benny Meyers is resigning as head coach of baseball and basketball at Mt. Hermon. Rumor has it that Meyers will go to Amherst to succeed Lloyd Jordan as basketball coach at that school.

Legion Baseball

A committee composed of members of the Haven H. Spencer Post is looking into the possibilities of the post sponsoring the Junior Legion Baseball team this year. Results of the study will be announced later in the month.

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Ridge Brush Fire Destroys Garage

On Tuesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock much smoke and flames shooting upward on the upper part of Rustic Ridge attracted the attention of several persons who immediately notified George W. Carr at the School for Girls Farm office and the local fire department. Summoning a large crew of men, Mr. Carr proceeded to the fire and found it progressing over the hillside eastward from the fifth Ridge. The garage of the Lawrence Ropes estate on the east side of Glen road was enveloped in flames and totally consumed with its contents. The flames reached to the property of Mrs. Edna B. H. Jenkins and within a few feet of the home, but

did no damage to it, although the garage was surrounded with burning leaves.

The Jenkins property is on Cliff road, the seventh Ridge. The men worked hard and stopped the fire in all directions although a high wind was blowing. After the fire was subdued, the men returned to their work with a skeleton crew left to put out any smoldering embers. Owners of the properties were notified by the Clerk of the Rustic Association who also thanked Mr. Carr and his men for their splendid service. The area burned over had recently been cut of much standing timber.

ESSAY CONTEST

The following essay received honorable mention in the contest sponsored by the W. C. T. U. and the English department of Northfield High School.

Liquor's cost to Society

by MARION ANDREW

Even while the Infantile Paralysis Drive was on, men spent money for liquor. Experts have proved that more money is spent on liquor than needy organizations.

A man's excessive drinking can easily break up his home. We look into one home and see a man beating his wife until she begs for mercy or we look into another where there is a half-grown boy trying to defend his younger brothers and sisters from a madman made so by liquor.

Drinking numbs the brain, makes him shaky and unstable in balance, lowers resistance to disease and makes speech incoherent. It makes him sting, fight, noisy, cruel, and abusive.

Liquor can ruin his health, even give him delirium tremens which makes him see things and think someone is chasing him. If he kept drinking excessively, he would have to go to a retreat. This would humiliate his family extremely.

Drunken driving causes the deaths of many innocent people. For instance, a drunken driver runs over a boy who is an invalid woman's only support.

The drinking trait may be inherited by a drunkard's children. His children are not usually as mentally alert as other children.

A family can be evicted because of noisy drinking parties. A family can be called into court because of a crime the father has committed while drunk.

A. Y. H. News

The Northfield Hostel has played host this past week to several Girl Scout troops which have come from as far away as Hartford, Conn. One troop of girls bicycled down from Brattleboro on one of their planned trips which is part of their Explorer's Club project. Their leader pointed out the fact

"Nations Capitol Is Wonderful" Say Seniors On Return From Trip

The sixteen Northfield High School seniors have returned from their Washington trip. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard. The trip according to all reports was highly successful and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The group left here on April 19 at 3:35 a. m. and even at that early hour a large crowd was at the station to see them off. Radio City Music Hall was the first stop on the itinerary with the film "I Remember Mamma" and the world famed Rockettes on the stage. A tour of the television facilities followed, with three members of the group being televised. Then an unexpected stop on the program, the "Firestone Program," featuring Metropolitan Opera Star, Worcester born, Eleanor Steber. Then in the evening came the Chesterfield Supper Club, with Jo Stafford, for the boys, and Dick Haymes, for the girls. Everybody enjoyed this very much.

The following day a trip to the Statue of Liberty, with the weather a trifle smoky and hazy. Then to Chinatown and the Bowery, where the group visited Tom Noonan's Rescue Society Chapel. This chapel which is conducted for the forgotten men of the Bowery, has produced eight ministers from the many who come there for refuge.

Then in the evening to the long-time hit musical show "Oklahoma," which everyone enjoyed tremendously. Early the third morning everyone boarded the chartered bus for the trip to Washington. The ride took them through the peach country and all the trees were in bloom. They arrived in Washington at 5 p. m. and everyone had an opportunity to look around the town.

Early the next morning serious sightseeing got under way, beginning with a trip to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. Here they were told that the Bureau prints 35 million dollars in replacement about 35 million dollars in replacement money every day. That's a lot of money. Also they print \$1,700,000 worth of stamps every day. The paper for the printing is made in Dalton, Mass., and consists of 50% linen and 50% cotton, interwoven with silk thread to prolong the life and prevent counterfeiting.

Then to the White House, and a tour through the many rooms offices and then a look at the much discussed new porch — but, the President was not there. A look into the F. B. I. offices; here the group saw the E. B. I. at work and were treated to a display of shooting by one of the men of the F. B. I. Then the tourists trooped to the top of the Washington Monument, followed by a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. During the latter visit they were treated to a change of the guard and entire scene was enhanced by the blooming tulips. Following a visit to the Lincoln Memorial they boarded a bus for a trip to Alexandria, Va., where they saw among other things the home of John L. Lewis, who was not at home at

the time. Then the group saw the Christ Church in Alexandria, which has been visited from time to time by such notables as George Washington, Robert E. Lee, Frank, Lin. D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill. The busy day was completed with visits to Mt. Vernon, George Washington National Memorial, Washington National Airport and the Jefferson Memorial.

The following day the group went to the Capitol, neither house was in session, but they had an opportunity of seeing the chambers. Pictures were taken, with the Capitol serving as a background. Then to the Supreme Court Building, where they saw

an 11 foot self-supporting stair-case. This visit was followed by a visit to the Smithsonian Institute where many of the wonders of the world are assembled — and time was far too limited to see all the things that are collected in this building.

The following morning the group again boarded the chartered bus for the return trip, which included visits to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall in Philadelphia, arriving in New York in time to board the train for the return trip to East Northfield station.

Everybody returned home tired but happy, and truly impressed by the wonders and beauties of Washington and with indelible impressions of the entire trip stamped in their memories for all time.

Those on the trip were: Marion Avery, Barbara Bolton, Doris Doolittle, Blanche Dudi, Ruth Holton, Julia Ladsinski, Laurene Lyons, Helen Mitchell, Allan Davis, Jerome Gingras, Ralph Lyons, Fred Ladd, Philip Walsh, James Morgan, David Quinn and Edwin Stevens. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard.

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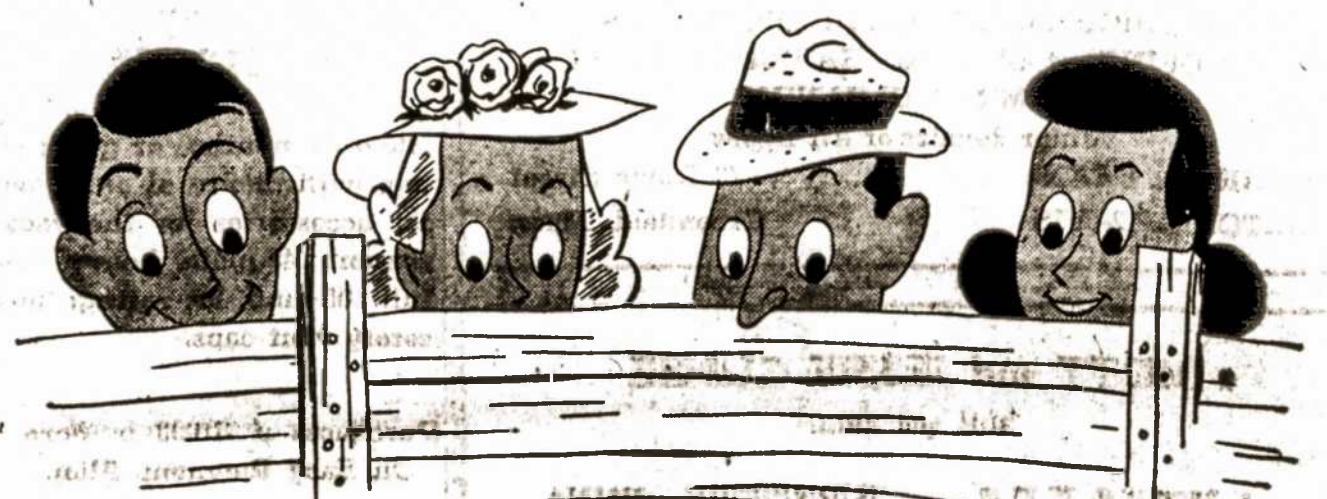
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